

culture is superior and anything other than greek/western is not “valid”. This mentality has to change. The Kingdom of MALIK maintains that Black/Latino fraternities and sororities must boldly and publicly proclaim the true origins of fraternal life, which emanated from Africa. People of the Diaspora inherently have a rich and proud history and culture. With that knowledge, we should all begin to define ourselves as who we really are, with pride and work towards the liberation and self-determination of all oppressed people.

MALIK prides itself in being a fraternity of the people. We are completely devoid of any elitist mentality. We are a representation of all the communities of color in the world. We have an obligation to work side by side with our community to better our lives and elevate the state of our people. Service to our community is paramount. Among some of our projects on the national level are the ***Reparations Awareness Movement***, where we work with several other political/cultural organizations to inform people in this country of African people’s history and the major affect it has upon western society and people of the African Diaspora. Another is the ***NYC MALIK Community Service Project***. MALIKs are organized throughout the NYC boroughs and are involved in educating, building, tutoring, organizing, and mentoring in their local neighborhoods/barrios ranging from the South Bronx, Harlem, to Bushwick. On the collegiate level, aside from the already monthly cultural workshops implemented, each MALIK chapter (Kingdom) has established a pro-active community service project tailored to their school and surrounding community. And finally on the individual level, each MALIK man must carry out his life following the Keys of the Kingdom: **Manhood Achievement, Leadership, Integrity, and Knowledge**. We pledged to aspire to live by these principles daily. Every Brother contributes to improve himself and to positively impact his surroundings and society in which he lives, “each one teach one”.

The Kingdom of MALIK has seen a number of young African/Latino men come through its doors to go on and assume leadership in their communities. MALIK counts among its membership the renowned African historian Dr. Yosef Ben Jochannan; award winning TV journalist Gil Noble; the popular activist-minister, Rev. Dr. Herbert Daughtry; former members of legendary Young Lords Party, Latino journalist Pablo Guzman and educator Richard Perez; and national orator/organizer, and former member of the Black Panther Party, NYC Councilman Charles Barron.

MALIK Fraternity, Inc. is an African fraternity comprised of proud and conscious men of the African Diaspora. Blacks, Latinos, etc. all share a commonality that binds us together. The Kingdom of MALIK needs young men of scope, power and courage who will take the lies to trial; to bear the hopes of others on their shoulders; to be voices for the weak and defeated; and to help build a world that we can all be proud to live in.

MALIK Fraternity, Inc. represents a growing movement that people of the Diaspora shall no longer be defined by others and that we should continue to be the shapers, builders, definers, leaders and change agents that strive to better our communities and ultimately humanity.



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In a Climate of Miseducation, Truth Awakens Change...

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Afrikan Fraternalism



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MALIK Fraternity, Inc. is a progressive, pioneering socially conscious, collegiate-based African fraternity that has for over twenty-five years been working to inspire, motivate and train its members to be “change agents” and soldiers of social, economic and political struggle within the African-American/Latino communities throughout America. MALIK is dedicated to academic excellence, social responsibility, true Brotherhood and the reclamation of the stolen legacy of the African contribution to the world

Fifteen highly motivated and idealistic young men founded the Fraternity at the C.W. Post campus of the Long Island University in New York. It was these Founders’ intention to break away from the college fraternal norm and to create a college fraternity that personified the broadening awareness of racial pride, activism and moral leadership among African/Latino people that had emerged in the 1960’s and early 70’s. In response to this trend, coupled with the heightened consciousness and self-determination of African/Latino people, the Brotherhood was founded on May 13th, 1977 as the Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity (ΜΣΨ). The “non-traditional” title of “**Malik**” was chosen for several important reasons. It was time for people of the African Diaspora to begin expressing openly, our cultural pride and identity. “MALIK” is a Swahili/Arabic title that means “King or Ruler.” The title MALIK was implemented as a start to more publicly and accurately define ourselves, rather than to completely follow the already existing western template offered by mainstream college fraternities in which did not and does not celebrate nor note the contributions of African peoples’ traditional greatness to society. Lastly, it was the religious name of the great apostle of self-determination and liberation of all oppressed people, El Hajj Malik El Shabazz, also known as Malcolm X. Our *Black*

Shining Prince held a special place in the hearts of the Founders and of the Entire Brotherhood.

As years progressed, the Fraternity further developed its practice of African Fraternalism. Brothers rejected the popular conception of “Black/Latino greekism” because of the inferiority complex it promotes and miseducates our people against recognizing Africa as the true beginning of civilization. MALIK chose instead to emphasize our “Aficanness” and therefore preferred to be called African Fraternalists. African Fraternalism is the concept that the origin of fraternalism began with African people, having reaching its highest form with the ancient Egyptians (Kemet). African Fraternalism maintains that the greeks, through the sinister strategies of its learned men and the campaigns of its military, stole/*borrowed* much the wisdom and knowledge of the Egyptians (Kemet) and claimed it as their own invention. Thus, western civilization marks its beginnings with the greeks. In honor of the greeks’ “thievery”, the academic institutions of America formed study groups that eventually developed into social organizations as well, called fraternities and sororities. These groups were named after letters from the greek alphabet. When African-American fraternities and sororities were formed in the early 1900s they imitated this trend and became known as “Black greeks.” Today “Black and Latino greeks” continue to follow this psychologically destructive and culturally contradictive trend. The practice of African Fraternalism notes the importance that the true origins of all secret societal life evolved from the loins of Africa, reaching its height in Kemet with the Mystery Systems and not with the greeks as taught by western scholars.

In keeping with the legacy and tradition of MALIK, Brothers within the organization eventually grew to question the necessity to retain the two “greek letters” in our name. In no way was this to disrespect or belittle our organization’s beginnings. In fact, this “realization” to change and progress came out of the very same spirit in which prompted our dear

Founders to choose the title “MALIK” at our organizations inception. Therefore, during the 2001-2002 calendar year, the active membership engaged in a series of formal ideological discussions regarding both the necessity to further the Africanization, cultural pride and development of the Brotherhood and at the same time to retain the traditional nomenclature of the Sigma and Psi. Thus fraternal history was made at our National Convention (The Indaba) when the name issue was finally put to a democratic vote. On May 18th, 2002 the active membership voted to officially remove the Sigma and Psi and be solely named the **MALIK Fraternity, Inc.** This historical change set a new standard in the fraternal world. The undertaking of such a bold move was necessary in order to elevate our people from mental slavery to consciousness.

MALIKs are proud of our internal and external progression as conscious learned men. We changed in order to strengthen the foundation that our Founders laid out in 1977. The name change signified the foresight, leadership, courage and consciousness necessary to elevate all people of color in this country and ultimately in the world. The change illustrates that **we are proudly and boldly, a fully functional African fraternity**. A Brotherhood practicing the concept of African Fraternalism that embodies all cultures and embraces the desire to uplift all members of the African Diaspora. We shall no longer follow or be defined by others. It is time that all members of the Diaspora begin to finally fully embrace, empower, celebrate, and teach their traditional greatness and contributions to society. We should no longer aspire and hide behind the guise of “greekism” and other western inaccuracies. Instead, we should be proud of who we really are and define ourselves as such. African-Americans, Latinos, Arabs, Asians, etc., are not greek so why use greek letters to define ourselves? Continuing to follow this unfair and misrepresented template only denotes an unconscious (and sometimes conscious) inferiority complex of one’s self and one’s culture. This only strengthens and perpetuates the fallacy that western